

**Ukraine's position on the new announcement on the Council of Europe Platform
for the Protection of Journalists entitled «Journalist Valery Vorotnik Severely
Assaulted»**

According to the information provided by the National Police of Ukraine, the Cherkasy District Police Department of the Main Directorate of the National Police in Cherkasy Region has opened criminal proceedings over the attack on the chief editor of «Antena» Vorotnik Valeriy, which took place on February 2, 2021 in Cherkasy. Criminal proceedings were instituted under Part 2 of Art. 28 (Committing a criminal offense by a group of persons, a group of persons by prior conspiracy, an organized group or a criminal organization), Part 2 of Art. 345-1 (Threat or violence against a journalist) of the Criminal Code of Ukraine. Two men have been convicted of the crime, one of whom has been notified of the suspicion, and the whereabouts of the second accomplice are currently being established. Today, the pre-trial investigations in these criminal proceedings are ongoing. Ukraine is taking every possible measure to identify those involved in the commission of this criminal offense and condemns any negative impact on the profession of journalist and the media.